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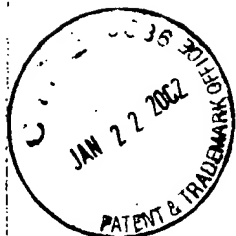
To the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks:

The undersigned is empowered to act on behalf of the assignee indicated below (the "Assignee"). The original assignment of the attached application for Letters Patent for the invention in **IDENTIFICATION AND MOLECULAR CHARACTERISATION OF PROTEINS, EXPRESSED IN THE IXODES RICINUS SALIVARY GLANDS** from the inventors to the Assignee is being submitted herewith for recordation by the Assignment Branch. A true copy of this Assignment is attached hereto. This Assignment represents the entire chain of title of this invention from the Inventor(s) to the Assignee. I have reviewed this Assignment, and to the best of the Assignee's knowledge and belief, the Assignee is the owner of the entire right, title, and interest in the above-referenced application.

I declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true, and that all statements made upon information and belief are believed to be true, and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful, false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. § 1001, and that willful, false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, or any patent issuing thereon.

The undersigned hereby revokes any previous powers of attorney in the subject application, and hereby appoints the registrants of Knobbe, Martens, Olson & Bear, LLP, 620 Newport Center Drive, Sixteenth Floor, Newport Beach, California 92660, Telephone (949) 760-0404, Customer No. 20,995, as its attorneys with full power of substitution and revocation to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office connected herewith. This appointment is to be to the exclusion of the inventor(s) and his attorney(s) in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 3.71.

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ASSIGNMENT

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WHEREAS, I/WE (1) Edmond GODFROID, a BELGIAN citizen, residing at Avenue de l'Araucaria 13, B-1020 Brussels, BELGIUM; (2) Alex BOLLEN, a BELGIAN citizen, residing at Gaasbeekstraat 65, B-1701 Isterbeek, BELGIUM; (3) Gerard LEBoulLE, a BELGIAN citizen, residing at Rue Rodenbach 108, B-1190 Brussels, BELGIUM, hereinafter referred to as Assignor (collectively if more than one inventor is listed above), have invented certain new and useful improvements in IDENTIFICATION AND MOLECULAR CHARACTERISATION OF PROTEINS, EXPRESSED IN THE IXODES RICINUS SALIVARY GLANDS, the specification of which was filed on July 19, 2001 as Application No. 09/910,430;

AND WHEREAS, I/We hereby authorize and request Knobbe, Martens, Olson & Bear, LLP, of 620 Newport Center Drive, 16th Floor, Newport Beach, CA 92660, to insert above the filing date and application number of said application when known;

AND WHEREAS, HENOGEN S.A., with its principal place of business at 12, Rue des Professeurs Jeener et Brachet, B-6041 Charleroi, BELGIUM (hereinafter referred to as Assignee) desires to acquire the entire right, title, and interest in and to the said improvements with respect to the United States of America, its territories and possessions.

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, Assignor hereby acknowledges that it has sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents does hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over, unto Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, the entire right, title, and interest in the United States of America, and its territories and possessions in, to and under said improvements, and any Patent Applications in the United States of America and all divisions, renewals and continuations thereof, and all Patents of the United States of America which may be granted thereon and all reissues and extensions thereof, and all rights of priority under International Conventions; and Assignor hereby authorizes and requests the Commissioner of Patents of the United States of America to issue all Patents for said improvements to Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, in accordance with the terms of this instrument.

AND ASSIGNOR HEREBY covenants and agrees that it will communicate to Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, any facts known to it respecting said improvements, and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing and reissue applications, make all rightful oaths and generally do everything possible to aid Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper patent protection for said improvements in the United States of America.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, Assignor intending to be legally bound has hereunto affixed its signature.

This 31 day of October, 2001

Signature of Edmond GODFROID

Head of research

This 31 day of October, 2001

Signature of Alex BOLLEN

Professor

This 31 day of October, 2001

Signature of Gerard LEBoulLE

RD Student